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Jigsaw Memories

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Chapter 1 by Sree

Dark.

Dark everywhere in this dreadful room, which spreads to my tiny sensitive heart blowing out that last ray of hope...

There was a cupboard at the farther end of the room, and a few chairs with broken legs. A basement??

My teddy lies there carrying a sad face, and my toys are strewn all over the floor. The cuckoo clock continues to tick-tock in my ears.

I have got nothing to do. But I keep myself engaged in brushing my doll's blonde hair.

Why am I here?

Is this my home?

Where's Mom, Dad and Sissy? Why did they leave me here alone?

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Incomplete memories continue to haunt me.

Those memories may have left me wounded in the past, but the fact that I can't remember them accurately leaves me wounded again, that too in the present.

It's rather confusing.

The broken pieces of my memories that I had been trying so hard to connect, never seemed to actually fit into place.

Jigsaw puzzles are quite easier these days.

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"Mom, are you there?"

"Yes hon, get down here...Why do you sleep so much?"

"Ah." She has always been like that. When normal kids sleep till nine or ten, she wants me up at six.

I decided to ask her about the mystery room.

"Mom, did we have a dark room at our earlier home? Where you used to keep the broken chairs, and I used to play??"

"What? Do you know that this is our first duplex? Earlier we lived in a house with just four rooms which are the dining, kitchen, bath, and our bedroom. No dark rooms or storage area at all. What are you thinking?"

"Uhm, nothing", I uttered. I was unsure of how to progress that conversation.

After breakfast, I went straight to my room-had to finish a few assignments. But my mind kept hovering back to that weird room with no windows at all.

Weird. Very weird indeed.

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